



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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March & April 2023

2022-2023 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jim Bemiller; V.Pres-John Rich; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Corwin Croy; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr-Jerry Szabo; 1 yr-Eugene McCall; 2 yr-Tracy Steele ; 2 yr John Hochstetler. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

April Birthday:

John Hochstetler	4/1	Don Snyder	4/16	Jim Bemiller	4/26
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April Anniversary:

Diane Almanon	4/22
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May Birthday:

Tim Closson	5/12	Andrew Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18
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May Anniversary:

Stephanie Larcom	5/10	Greg Aversch	5/17	Corwin Croy	5/28
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 24th: Scholarship committee to award scholarships.

May 2nd: Club meeting to discuss membership with Lion Greg Denecker Town Hall at noon.

May 6th: Roadside cleanup contact Lion Bob Stahl to help with the project.

May 11th: Northwest Eye Care Foundation to meet at Bluffton Town Hall 6 PM with Henry's restaurant meal served. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter for reservations. All lions are invited to attend this informational meeting.

May 16th: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Meal to be served. 50/50 Charity raffle. Speaker TBA. Slate of officers to be presented.

May 19th – 20th: Ohio Lions State Convention in Columbus.

June 1st: Community meal at the Senior Citizens. Contact Lion John Rich to volunteer.

June 6th: Meeting at VOSH Pandora Sorting Center 6 PM. Contact Lion Gene Long. Meal to be served.

June 16th: Festival of Wheels. Contact Lion Ed Yeager to participate with this project.

July 15th: Ride to Remember. Contact Lion Bill Croft to help with project.

March 50/50 charity raffle:

- \$100 Keely Bourassa ticket sold by Lion Jackie Bourassa
- \$50 Teresa Plaughter ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
- \$30 Emma Birky ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin
- \$20 Angela Polschek ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin



April 50/50 charity raffle:

- \$100 Tony Siferd ticket sold by Lion Jesse Blackburn
- \$50 Jackie Bourassa ticket sold by Lion Jackie Bourassa
- \$30 Chris Denecker ticket sold by Lion Greg Denecker
- \$20 Dan Johnson ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom

MARCH & APRIL BOARD REPORTS:

Constitution and By-Laws approved by March 21st club meeting. Starting to have meals at club meetings with voluntary donations. Membership will be the topic at the May 2nd club meeting. Festival of Wheels being coordinated by Dan Groman.

A request to purchase a female bicycle for the police department was voted on by the board. Pathway project on delay for a few months on the County Line Project due to the electric company. The 103 Project may be started early. Fliers for Festival of Wheels to be processed at the April 18th meeting.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

Approximately 60 lion members and guests attended the Citizen of the Year program honoring community member, Bill Herr. This was held on April 6th at Bluffton University Marbeck Center. Bill spoke on his life wearing three hats. The first hat represented his teaching career in the Bluffton Schools. The second hat was that of a farmer and his life on the farm south of Bluffton. His final hat represented his work he did as a pastor at the Mennonite Memorial Home and throughout the community. Representatives from the Mennonite Home Community shared information with the group. Lion Don Hostetler presented a plaque as seen below.



DISTRICT CONVENTION:

Six Bluffton Lion members attended the district convention on Saturday April 15th, along with family members, at the Memorial Service honoring our two late members - Elaine Harris and Corrinne Boehr. Recognitions received by the club were the following: Governor's Club Award; Service Award; District 13 OH1 Humanitarian Award and Certificate of Outstanding Participation for inducting 2 new members between May 1 and June 30, 2022.